

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning; Jack Wheatley, Bay City; Terry Moulane, Bay City; Adam Rivard, MDOT-Bay City; Dan Hansford, Essexville; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Chris Rupp, Bay County Commission; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary, BCATS Staff.

Minutes from June 12, 2012 BCATS Tech Meeting:

It was moved by Moulane, seconded by Sprague, to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2012 meeting. Motion passed.

Legislative Update:

A new Transportation Bill was passed by Congress and signed by President Obama on July 6, 2012. The Bill, MAP-21, is for two years and also included an extension of SAFETEA-LU through September 30, 2012, and the new regulations start on October 1, 2012. MDOT's Policy Division is reviewing the Bill and will determine what it means for the MPOs in the State. The FHWA guideline will come out in the next few months as well.

Title VI Reporting:

Engelhardt reminded the Committee that Title VI reporting is due by October 5th. As the forms have varied over the year, Engelhardt will forward on the most current form when it becomes available.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Reporting:

In addition to the Title VI reporting, DBE reporting is also a requirement for BCATS and other agencies receiving Federal Funds. As BCATS follows Bay County Purchasing policy with no other third party contact, BCATS has little to report other than office supply purchases.

BCATS Self Certification:

Engelhardt discussed the annual Self-Certification process for small MPOs such as BCATS. At the upcoming Policy Committee BCATS will Self-Certify stating that the organization is adhering to all Federal Regulation.

Urban Area/NFC Post 2010 Census Statewide Review Process:

Later this year, BCATS will be going through the Urban Area review and NFC

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update. Wilcox expects the guidelines from MDOT to be released around August 31st to kick off the Adjusted Urban Area update as a result of the 2010 Census.

Asset Management PASER Ratings:

Westbury gave an update and said that the PASER ratings for this year have began with the Bay City Federal Aid roads and are scheduled for the Bay County Road Commission the current FY last week of September. Bay City is also eligible for funding for the PASER data on the Local Road. Data collection for these roads has yet to be scheduled. Hansford stated that he would be interested in seeking funding for PASER data collection on Essexville local roads.

Midland MPO Status:

With the 2010 Census, the Midland Urban Area reached the 50,000 population threshold to become an MPO. As a result, they are looking at BCATS as a model to set up their MPO but may also go with a stand alone agency to act as the MPO. Midland has one year to be designed as an MPO from March 2012 release of the Census Urban Area data.

As a result of the new MPO, the funding pot for the small MPO will change but it's not expected to affect BCATS funds as any reductions are expected to come from the SEMCOG portion.

BCATS 2014-17 TIP:

Engelhardt discussed the upcoming 2014-17 TIP. The 2014 funding is accounted for in the current TIP. Engelhardt asked for agencies to submit any transportation projects from 2015 to 2017 so they can be incorporated into the TIP. The 2014-17 TIP will have to be approved by June 2013.

Project Updates:

The *Johnson St Project* is under construction and currently on schedule. Sanitary sewer work is complete and the mater main is next. Bay City was approved to use the remaining portion, \$40,000, of the earmark for the road project toward Construction Engineering. The *M-13/M-84 Salzburg Ave Project* will be let this November and construction will begin in mid March of 2013. The project will consist of eight total phases to help keep local traffic open to the businesses along the corridor. The *M-25 Bridge Project* in Tuscola county will require complete closure of M-25, but the project is expected to be complete by July 4, 2013. The Central Bus Station Remodeling Project was budgeted for \$112,000, but the lowest bid came

in at \$170,000, so plans are being adjusted to lower the cost and the project will be rebid at a later date. This project involved interior work and ADA required upgrades and will use funds from the Inter-City Transportation program.

Other/New Business:

Tall Ships 2013:

Sprague is a member of the Tall Ships Committee in charge of transportation. As Bay City is host the celebration in 2013, Sprague would like to be aware of any and all road projects that may effect visitors to the Tall Ships.

MDOT Modeling Option:

Engelhardt asked the Committee to think about forward planning and uses of the Travel Demand Model. A possible meeting with Don Mayle, MDOT modeling group can be arranged to show various outputs that can be completed with the model.

As there was no other business, the August 8, 2012 meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

Transcribed by D. Westbury

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